

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please change the title as follows:

POINT SWITCHING DEVICE

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

**Cross-Reference to Prior Application**

This is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/000288 filed January 16, 2004, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-010462 filed January 17, 2003 which is incorporated by reference herein. The International Application published in Japanese on August 5, 2004 as WO 2004/064963 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).

**Substitute Specification**

Please find attached a marked-up copy and a clean copy of the substitute specification. No new matter has been added. Kindly replace the specification with the clean substitute specification attached.